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Costa Rica* and Colombia**: draft resolution

Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/128 of 19 December 1994 and 50/124 of 20 December 1995,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/2 of 17 July 1996 on follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development,

Acknowledging fully the integrated approach taken during the International Conference on Population and Development, which recognizes the interrelationship between population, sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/124, 1/

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

1/ A/51/350.

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/124;

2. Notes the actions taken so far by Governments and the international community to implement the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, 2/ encourages them to strengthen their efforts in that regard and requests them to fully implement all chapters of the Programme of Action;

3. Reiterates that Governments should continue to commit themselves at the highest political level to achieving the relevant goals and objectives and to take a lead role in coordinating the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the follow-up actions at the national level;

4. Urges all countries to consider, among other things, their current spending, with a view to making additional contributions in line with national priorities for the implementation of the Programme of Action, taking into account the provisions of chapters XIII and XIV thereof and the economic constraints faced by developing countries, in particular the least developed among them;

5. Emphasizes that international cooperation in the field of population and development is essential for the full implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Conference; and in this context, calls upon the international community to continue to provide, both bilaterally and multilaterally, adequate and substantial support and assistance for population and development activities in all developing countries and regions, including through the United Nations Population Fund and other organs and organizations of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, that will be involved in the implementation, at all levels, of the Programme of Action;

6. Reiterates the importance of South-South cooperation for the successful implementation of the Programme of Action, and invites all Governments, relevant United Nations organizations, including specialized agencies, the business community, the private sector and non-governmental organizations, to continue to support those activities in South-South cooperation being undertaken by the developing countries;

7. Emphasizes the importance of the identification and allocation of financial resources by all members of the international community, including regional financial institutions, to enable them to fulfil their commitments with regard to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

8. Reiterates that the Commission on Population and Development, as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council, has the primary

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2/ Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

responsibility for the follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development and review of the implementation of the Programme of Action;

9. Decides that the Task Force on Basic Social Services for All of the Administrative Committee on Coordination shall inform the Commission and the Economic and Social Council of the progress of its work, for the purpose of system-wide coordination;

10. Requests the Task Force to coordinate the development of appropriate indicators, taking into account relevant research, so that progress in addressing reproductive health needs by individual countries can be assessed on a reliable basis;

11. Decides that its special session, to be convened from 23 to 27 June 1997 for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21, should give due attention to the issue of population in the context of sustainable development;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution;

13. Decides to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session, within existing clusters, the item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development".